

## **1000 New Traveller Ambulances commissioned to fight against Covid**

Vijaywada, July 01, 2020: In view of the surge in cases anticipated with the easing of the lockdown, state governments and local administrations are going all out to strengthen Health Care Infrastructure in their jurisdiction.

Force Motors the Pune based auto major is one of the few companies that has developed in house capability to manufacture and supply full range of ambulances that are ready to use from day one and also comply with all the provisions of the recently introduced National Ambulance Code.

Type B Ambulance is a basic ambulance that is meant primarily for transport of patients who do not require any treatment while in transit to the hospital whereas Type C or Basic Life Support Ambulance is meant for transporting patients who require basic monitoring while in transit and may require non invasive airway management. And the Type D Ambulance or Advanced Life Support Ambulance is equipped to treat critical patients requiring intensive monitoring and invasive airway management.

The Advanced Life Support ambulances have in built provision to mount life saving equipment like defibrillator, transport ventilator, BP Apparatus, scoop stretcher, spine board etc., required to treat critically ill patients while on the move

In addition, Force Motors also has capability to supply mobile medical units that can function as primary health centres in the remote locations providing consultation and treatment.

In order to fight this pandemic the state governments and local administration are planning to have a mix of all types of ambulances so that they can be deployed as the situation warrants.

Force Motors just supplied to the Govt of Andhra Pradesh over one thousand ambulances including 130 advanced life support ambulances, 282 basic life support ambulances and over 656 mobile medical units that will significantly upgrade the healthcare infrastructure, improve reach and reduce response time. **The Mobile Medical units delivered to Govt of Andhra Pradesh are also equipped with COVID screening facilities and can be accessed by the citizens by dialling 104.**

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Prasan Firodia, Managing Director, Force Motors said, “The ongoing pandemic has suddenly highlighted the inadequacies in our healthcare system. It is very heartening to see that local administrations and state governments are responding quickly by upgrading their public health delivery systems. We are very happy that the Govt. of AP reposed their trust in the proven and reliable range of Force Traveller Ambulances and look forward to support such initiatives in other states”.

As a responsible corporate, Dr Abhay Firodia Group has also been actively participating against the fight against this pandemic. It has earmarked Rs 25 Crores to support various COVID-19 relief activities by supporting upgradation of health care infrastructure and facilitating mobile clinic/testing capabilities that have treated over 10 lakh patients during the lockdown period.

The Traveller range of fully factory built ambulances are preferred by the health departments, hospitals and service provider on account of its unmatched performance, best in class reliability and durability.

#### **About Force Motors Limited**

Force Motors, was established in 1958 by Shri N. K. Firodia, with the vision to provide affordable commercial transport for the masses by harnessing the best available technology and offering economical, reliable and efficient products.

Today, Force Motors is a fully vertically integrated automobile company manufacturing automotive components, aggregates, vehicles and agricultural tractors. Its **‘Traveller’** and **‘Trax’** vehicle ranges are **market leaders** in their respective segments.

Force Motors is the flagship of the company group headed by Dr Abhay Firodia which has 15 manufacturing units across the country and a 14,000-strong workforce.

Force Motors is the only company in the world that produces engines for both Mercedes and BMW. In March 2018, it entered into a JV with **Rolls-Royce** Power Systems AG to manufacture in India and supply worldwide their 10/12 cylinder S1600 engines (545 to 1050hp) for power generation and under floor rail applications.

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